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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Solomon Islands

Morning*	4224th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Letter dated 10 November 2000, from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Solomon Islands to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1088)

10.45 a.m.	4225th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP
ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	12th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 64th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: fourth report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.3) [8]

2. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

3 p.m. 65th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a) and L.28 (item 92 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Nicolescu (Romania) Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b) and L.8 (item 94 (b))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.31 (item 95 (f))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Add.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Human resources management [123]

   Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.8

2. United Nations common system [124] (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/C.5/55/526)

   United Nations pension system [125] (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (A/55/482 and A/55/516)

   General discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States [160]

Introduction and action on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.16; A/C.6/55/L.16/Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/C.6/55/L.16 (Arabic only)*

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [157] A/C.6/55/L.12, A/C.6/55/L.19, and A/C.6/55/L.19* (Spanish only)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/55/L.19 and A/C.6/55/L.19 (Spanish only)*

Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [165]

Introduction and action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.18

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Observer Status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [172]

Introduction on draft decision A/C.6/55/L.14

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2] (A/AC.257/10/Add.1)

   Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4

2. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)

4. Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 16 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.10 (item 94 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.20 (item 95 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room B: A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 16 November 2000

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 92 (a) (A/C.2/55/L.19), 94 (a) and 101)

12 noon-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP:

AD HOC WORKING GROUP

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda items 101, 92 (c) and (92 (d) (A/C.2/55/L.3)

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.-10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Western African States *today*, 16 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution regarding item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the special session of the General Assembly in this regard) will be held *today*, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations are jointly organizing a workshop in their Series on the Art of Public Speaking for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held *today* and *tomorrow*, 16 and 17 November, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 17 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	66th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	67th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [59]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

The 3rd meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 182 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit) will be held on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 1, to consider a Conference Room Paper (A/55/CRP.1) entitled "Elements for a draft resolution on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit submitted by the President of the General Assembly".

The Conference Room Paper is available in all official languages of the United Nations in room S-2925.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing to launch the final report of the World Commission on Dams, entitled "Dams and Development: A New Framework for Decision-Making", under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will include Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme; Professor Kader Asmal, Chairman of the Commission and Minister of Education of South Africa, and Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the World Commission on Dams.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representative of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Emerging technologies", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization and the United Nations University, on Monday, 20 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination will be the moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela, Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Lesotho to the United Nations, Dr. Charles Riemenschneider, Director of the North American Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization, Professor Eugene Skolnikoff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and United Nations University and Professor Richard Falk of Princeton University.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rule of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 13th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

The proposed informal consultations to consider the recommendation contained in the report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1) have been postponed until Monday, 20 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 30 November 2000.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be open from Monday, 20 November, through Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda items 12 and 102)* on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda items 99 (A/C.2/55/L.18), 102 and 173)* on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on environmental issues)* on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held on Friday, 17 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by a Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Social Development on preparations for the fortieth session of the Commission (to be held in February 2001) on Monday, 20 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), which will be considered in plenary, will be convened by the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Papua New Guinea) on Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 10 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 54th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.27/Rev.1

The Secretary read out an oral statement on conference servicing implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Nigeria further revised the revised draft resolution, and announced that Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Croatia and Kazakhstan joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

A statement was made by the United States.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.48/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt announced that the Sudan had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Guyana and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Algeria.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway and the Republic of Korea) and Japan made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 44, with 15 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

55th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada, after which the Committee decided to defer action on the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Norway announced that Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Guinea, Kyrgystan, Malawi, Morocco, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Togo and Vanuatu had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that the Philippines had withdrawn as a sponsor.

The representative of Egypt made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate recorded vote on operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 118 to none, with 30 abstentions.

After the adoption of operative paragraph 20, statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, India, the Sudan, the United States, Algeria, Canada and Norway.

Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Norway.

The representatives of Ghana and Burundi made statements regarding their votes.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, India and the Dominican Republic.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of South Africa announced that Botswana and Indonesia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution

Subsequently, Albania, Chad, Chile and Cyprus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa announced that Botswana, Estonia, Indonesia, Morocco, the Philippines and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Albania, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Comoros, Croatia, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Malta, Nicaragua, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and special representatives [114 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.42/Rev.2

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States announced that Albania and Lithuania had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution, and orally corrected the text.

Subsequently, Iceland, Israel and Latvia joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Croatia, Venezuela, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bosnia and Herzegovina and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.51/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France announced that Australia and New Zealand had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sudan and the United States.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 75 to 30 with 45 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and the Sudan; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Thailand and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

A statement was made by the representative of France.

Action on revised draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.62/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution, and announced that Australia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further revised, by a recorded vote of 94 to 4 with 55 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and the Sudan.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.64

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revision that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Venezuela announced that Hungary, Luxembourg, Malta, Nicaragua, Panama, Romania, Switzerland and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Haiti.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Dominican Republic.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of a number of documents under the sub-item, as well as under sub-item 114 (a).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 114 as a whole.

56th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.66

The Committee resumed action on the draft resolution.

The representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on a point of order.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mauritania orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Canada, Denmark, France and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Chile, Croatia, Haiti, Honduras, Ireland and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/55/12 and Add.1, A/55/471 and A/55/472.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [114 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.41

The Chairperson made a statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement from the Controller in connection with the draft resolution.

It was announced that Eritrea, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Tunisia.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of China.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.47/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Chad and Ethiopia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada, France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan (also on behalf of the Republic of Korea) and Australia.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 78 to 51, with 21 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Mali.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lesotho and Honduras regarding their votes.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.52

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Australia, Cyprus, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Slovenia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Canada and India.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jahamariya.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba announced that Namibia and Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and that Ghana was not a sponsor of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Malaysia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Japan (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea and the United States) made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution by a recorded vote of 91 to 50, with 13 abstentions.

The representative of Thailand made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/55/214 and Add.1, A/55/275 and Add.1, A/55/283 and A/55/302.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114 (b).

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2001-2002 (document A/C.3/55/L.61)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document.

Following statements by the representatives of Lithuania, France and Haiti, the Committee adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 2001-2002, as orally revised and corrected.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/55/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Slovenia (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States), Guyana (on behalf of the CARICOM States), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Australia (on behalf of JUSCANZ), Mauritania (on behalf of the group of African States), Swaziland (on behalf of SADC), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab Group), Algeria, Benin (on behalf of the western African countries) and the Sudan.

Statements were also made by the representatives of New Zealand, Canada, Cuba and the United Kingdom.

The Chairperson declared the work of the Committee for the fifty-fifth session completed.

Wednesday, 15 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4223rd meeting

No exit without strategy

Letter dated 6 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2000/1072)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa and Thailand, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, France, Bangladesh, Canada, Argentina, Malaysia, China, the Russian Federation, Tunisia, Namibia, Ukraine, Jamaica, Mali and the United Kingdom.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Indonesia and Rwanda, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council then heard statements by the representatives of Germany, Singapore, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, Australia, Egypt, Italy, Norway, Denmark, the Philippines, Finland, Pakistan, Belarus, India, Slovakia, Ireland, Croatia and Rwanda, and by the President of the Council, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

62nd plenary meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [105]

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/55/383 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/383 paragraph 121)

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime made a statement in the course of which he introduced the report of the Committee and orally corrected the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee in paragraph 121 of its report (A/55/383).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Italy, Mexico, the Russian Federation and Poland.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in paragraph 121 of its report (A/55/383) as orally corrected by its Chairman (resolution 55/25).

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 105.

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children [42]

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee (A/55/43 (Parts I and II))

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/429)

(c) Draft resolution (A/55/L.34)

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 105.

Statements were made by the representatives of Monaco, Mexico, Egypt, India, Croatia, Cuba, Peru, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), by H. E. Mrs. Suzanna Stanik, Minister of Justice of Ukraine (also on behalf of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic

of Moldova and Uzbekistan), and by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, the Russian Federation, Viet Nam, Norway, Colombia and by the Honourable Senator Landon Pearson, Personal Representative of the Prime Minister of Canada.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that it would take up agenda item 51 (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)) as the first item on Monday, 20 November 2000, in the morning.

63rd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 63rd plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/224).

GENERAL COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Equatorial Guinea (A/55/237 and Add.1) [8]

H.E. Mr. Santiago Nsobeya Efuman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly" (A/55/237 and Add.1).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [92]

(a) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.29

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Commodities

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.28

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [93]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.32

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.30

The representative of the Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.31

The representative of Nigeria introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed.

The Secretary of the Committee made an statement.

The representative of Jamaica joined in co-sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5, as orally revised.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

Action on the draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.6 and L.33

The representative of Nigeria announced that it had joined in co-sponsoring draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2.55/L.6.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, as orally corrected.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.33, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.9 and L.27

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27.

The representative of Ecuador made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.27, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.9 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.11 and L.26

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.26, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.11 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1

The Chairman of the Committee reported to the Committee on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1.

The representative of Egypt made a statement before the vote.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 131 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote, were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Japan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 98.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

At the request of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee agreed to extend the deadline on item 92 (c) (External debt crisis and development), item 94 (a) (International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade) and item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) to Tuesday, 21 November 2000, at noon.

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representative of Kenya and Uruguay.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 29th and 30th meetings

Note: The summary of the 29th and 30th meetings of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/224).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: United Republic of Tanzania (13 November 2000)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on registration of objects launched into outer space. New York, 12 November 1974

Accession: United Arab Emirates (7 November 2000)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, Fax No. (212) 963-3693. Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Television Forum

The fifth annual United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "TV@Globe//Adding Values in the Digital Era" will take place on 16 and 17 November 2000. The Forum will be opened by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Public Information, *today*, 16 November 2000, at 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Following opening statements by Mr. Harri Holkeri, President of the General Assembly, and Mr. Gerhard Pfanzeller, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, the Forum will engage in a dialogue with the Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan. The Forum will then hold a discussion on "How Are Television and New Media Bridging the Digital Divide?" At 2.30 p.m., there will be a roundtable on innovative programming in news in Conference Room 4, and a workshop on innovative programming in education in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A roundtable on social advocacy will take place at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Forum will continue *tomorrow*, 17 November, in the morning, with additional workshops and a roundtable devoted to innovative programming in sports, the radio model and digital visionaries. The closing meeting of the Forum will take place in the afternoon. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

At this week's DPI/NGO Briefing, the Executive Director of United Nations Volunteers (UNV) and other speakers will give a briefing on the aims and objectives of the International Year of Volunteers, 2001, *today*, 16 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan, NGO Section, Department of Information (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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Special event

In observance of the International Day for Tolerance and to mark the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, a special event on the theme "Creating Peace Through Arts" will take place *today*, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin Cahill, President of the Center International Health and Cooperation. The event is sponsored by UNESCO, the NGO Peace Caucus and 2001 (a People's Conference on Peace). Opening remarks will be made by Ms. Nane Annan and Mr. Alfatih Hamad of UNESCO, followed by a roundtable to be introduced by Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNESCO Office of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-5986).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 16 November 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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